THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms undertook a study of the working of the Press Information Bureau in the year 1983-84 to streamline the organ-isational structure and functioning of the Headquarters and Regional/Branch offices of the Press Information Bureau. The study report is awai-:ed:

(b) The Press Information Bureau continuously examines the question of effective publicity for the Policies and activities of the Government ["he Bureau employs a variety of neans—written material, Press Con-erences, briefings and conducted ours—to di .Beminate information on Jovernment policies and activities.

coverage by AIR

1090. SHRI KAPIL VERMA; Will he Minister of INFORMATION AND 1ROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by rovernment to ensure hundred per ent coverage of the country's popu-rtion by AIR; and

(b) the expenrnture that is *likely* > be incurred an3 the number of ransmitters that would have to be et up for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF HE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION ND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. ADGIL); (a) and (b) After the im-ementation of the schemes included i the 6th Plan, the day time me-um wave coverage in the country mid extend to 96 per cent by popu-tion and 86 per cent of the area.

In its draft 7th plan proposals, R has included schemes to increase the coverage to 97 per cent by population and 91 per cent by area. Implementation of the schemes will, however, depend on the final snap* of the 7th Plan.

For 100 per cent radio coverage, AIR would in all require 350 transmitters of different power denominations in medium wave, F.M. and short wave. The present day estimation of expenditure on this account would approx. be Rs 1000 crores.

Railway wagons for movement of fertilisers

1091. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI S. W. DHABE;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of Railway wagons for movement of fertilisers in the year 1985-86;

(b) the number of wagons allotted by the Railways and what is the movement target; and

(c) what alternative steps Government proposed to take to complete the movement target, if wagons are not allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN' THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) It is not possible to give the exact number *oft* wagons required for movement of fertiliser, as a combination of broad-gauge and metre-gauge wagons are involved in it. However, the approximate requirement 13 about 120© broad-gauge, and 50© "' metre-gauge